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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-9 and 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-9 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the request for reconsideration filed July 2, 2010.
2. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-15 are currently pending. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 12 and 14 have been previously presented. Claims 9, 11, 13 and 15 are amended.
3. Applicant's arguments, with regards to claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-15, filed July 2, 2010 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 14 and 15 are allowable.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
6. Depovere teaches embedding a watermark being, the embedding being controlled by a watermark secret.
7. Conwell teaches calculating and storing a digital fingerprint.
8. Claim 14 recites a means for deriving a watermark secret from an identifier. This limitation in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 14 is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Claims 15 recites equivalent limitations.

Examiner Notes

9. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

10. Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. While the claims recite a series of steps or acts to be performed, a statutory "process" under 35 U.S.C. 101 **must (1) be tied to particular machine, or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing.** See page 10 of In Re Bilski 88 USPQ2d 1385. The instant claims are neither positively tied to a particular machine that accomplishes the claimed method steps nor transform underlying subject matter, and therefore do not qualify as a statutory process. The method including steps of deriving, embedding, calculating, storing, providing, determining, and/or detecting is broad enough that the claim could be completely performed mentally, verbally or without a machine nor is any transformation apparent.

11. Claims 2-3, 5-8 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as non-statutory for at least the reason stated above. Claims 2-3 and 5-8 are dependent upon claim 1; however, they do not add any feature or subject matter that would solve any of the non-statutory deficiencies of claim 1. Claims 11-13 are dependent upon claim 9; however, they do not add any feature or subject matter that would solve any of the non-statutory deficiencies of claim 9.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Travis Pogmore whose telephone number is 571-270-

7313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. eastern time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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